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SUBJECT: ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS

1. VICE FONMIN LHO SHIN-YONG INFORMED DCM AT 1545 HOURS SEPT 18 THAT AT 1600 HOURS FONMIN KIM DONG-JO WOULD MAKE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING SETTLEMENT OF ROK-JAPAN DISPUTE. LHO SAID THAT HE HAD IRONED OUT FINAL DETAILS WITH AMB USHIROKU JUST PRIOR TO CALLING DCM.

2. LHO SAID FONMIN'S ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE TO FOLLOWING EFFECT: IN CONNECTION WITH AUGUST 15 INCIDENT, THE GOVT OF JAPAN HAS DECIDED TO DESPATCH SHIINA ETSUSABURO, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, TO SEOUL AS A SPECIAL ENVOY OF PRIMIN TANAKA KAKUEL. THE KOREAN GOVT WELCOMES THIS DECISION. THE SPECIAL ENVOY WILL ARRIVE IN SEOUL ON THE MORNING OF SEPT 19, WILL PAY HIS RESPECTS AT THE TOMB OF THE DECEASED FIRST LADY OF KOREA, AND WILL CALL ON PRESIDENT PARK.

3. VICE FONMIN ASSURED DCM THAT ROKG WOULD GENUINELY WELCOME SHIINA.
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